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ADVISORY NOTICE UPDATE DARBY FIRE

San Andreas- Last night the Sheriff's Department issued mandatory evacuations on Love Creek Road and the Doud's Landing area and an advisory for Pinebrook. This morning an advisory notice has also been issued to residents in the Blue Lake Springs Subdivision from Hwy. 4 and Moran Road south to Murphys Drive. The advisory notice is a <u>precautionary measure</u> to prepare residents in case evacuations become necessary. Residents traveling on the Hwy. 4 corridor should use extreme caution while driving. Do not stop in the middle of the road to look at the fire.

Residents should prepare to evacuate by bringing any medications, prescriptions, the name of your physicians and any special equipment needed for several days. Persons with special transportation needs are asked to call the Calaveras Sheriff's Office in Arnold at 795-0473. Have valuable papers, such as deeds, mortgage papers, insurance documents, birth certificates, and photographs packed and in the car.

The Darby Fire has now consumed over 8,912 acres and is still 50% contained. There was increased activity last night in the Cone Hill, Doud's Landing, and Candy Rock area in Calaveras County. Gusty and erratic winds are expected today due to the possibility of developing thunder storms over the fire area. There are 228 engines and 2,796 fire personnel.

Calaveras Works and Human Services has reopened the evacuation center at the Albert Michelson Elementary School off Highway 4 on Pennsylvania Gulch Road in Murphys. If you need assistance with animal transport, call **Animal Control at 754-6509**.

Love Creek Road at Moran Road is closed. Other roads may be restricted as needed. For information regarding road restrictions or closures, call the CHP San Andreas Office from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM at 754-3541 and at their Stockton Dispatch center after 5:00 PM at 943-8600.

A CDF Fire Information Center is open and can be called at 754-2739, 754-4692, and 754-5773. Other information may be found at the CDF Website at www.fire.ca.gov and the County's Website at www.co.calaveras.ca.us.